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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Honorable Assistant Commissioner:

Applicant has received an Office action with a mailing date of December 13, 1999. This paper is intended to be fully responsive to each of the points made by the Examiner in the Office action.

Amendment "A"

A. Restriction Requirement: In response to the restriction requirement of December 13, 1999, the applicant provisionally elects Invention III (claims 13-20, drawn to a retainer, classified in class 292, subclass 299) without prejudice. This restriction requirement is made without traverse. As applicant intends to file Divisional Continuation Applications for Inventions I and II. Please cancel claims 1-12 without prejudice.

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Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

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COVER LETTER

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

Enclosed herewith please find the following documents comprising: (1) a Response to Office Action; and (2) a return receipt postcard.

Respectfully, submitted this 12th day of January, 2000.

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